

**Introduced by Senator Ackerman**

February 22, 2008

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An act relating to developmental disabilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1632, as introduced, Ackerman. Developmental disabilities: surveillance and screening: autism spectrum disorders.

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers for the provision of various services and support to persons with developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders. Existing law requires regional centers to perform initial intake and assessment services for any person believed to have a developmental disability.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand developmental disability surveillance and screening, including screening for autism spectrum disorders, for children from birth through 5 years of age, through the use of research-based screening tools that have been demonstrated to be standardized, reliable, valid, and accurate for children from a range of racial, ethnic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

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